

BA 1959

POOLE-WHITCRAFT HOUSE/ HARE HOUSE

1883-1896

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This house is first found in the 1896 tax ledger as Mary A. Poole's, apparently built to her order, since she acquired the lot in 1883. Hannah Krout and Adam Krout inherited this place and their heirs sold in 1903 to William H. Whetcraft, whose family held it until 1962. This is a two-story, frame, vernacular style house, with three front doors, suggesting that it was a tenant house, possibly for cannery workers. The five bays are irregularly spaced. The entire structure is covered with yellow aluminum siding.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC *POOLE-WHITCRAFT HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

*HARE HOUSE***2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

21,606 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME *Russell E. Hare and Helen M. Hare**(Helen M.)*Telephone #: *357-8093*

STREET & NUMBER

21,606 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *County Courts Building*Liber #: *WJR 4038*Folio #: *381*

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE *NONE*

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

POOLE-WHITCRAFT HOUSE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	*Except for siding, window frames	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Poole-Whitcraft House, or Hare House, is a not particularly well designed, two-story, frame, vernacular style house. There are three front doors, suggesting that this was a tenant house or apartment. The five bays are spaced irregularly on the main facade. Two doors are clustered in the southernmost bay; the third door is in the fourth bay from the south end. Doors and windows are all recent replacement items, in aluminum frames. Windows are 1-over-1 double-hung sash types. A full-width, shed-roofed front porch runs across the main facade. It is roofed with corrugated aluminum sheet. The porch is supported by recent wrought iron columns. Gutters, soffits, and cornice on the porch are all aluminum. The porch deck is poured concrete, one step above grade, extending a few feet south of the house itself. The house is gable-roofed and the rear roof surface continues beyond the space of the main block, serving as the shed roofing over one bay of space at the back (west) of the house. The south end has no windows in the main block, but two windows, double-hung sash types, at the rear extension of the house. There are no attic windows in the gable, presumably no habitable attic.

The entire structure is covered with yellow aluminum siding. The full-width rain gutter across the main facade incorporates an aluminum cornice, and the over-hanging eaves are sheathed in standard aluminum trim on the under surfaces. The roof covering is corrugated aluminum.

An inside end-chimney is located at the south end of the house, emerging through the roof line. A later chimney of concrete block with an internal lining of terra cotta rises through the front roof as an end-chimney for the north end of the house. The foundation has been concrete coated.

In the rear yard is a small, square, gable-roofed, one-story tool shed or smokehouse built of frame, painted grey.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1883-1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house follows a similar course as the structure to the south. The lot was shown as vacant in a plat filed in an 1880 lawsuit. Mary A. Poole acquired the site of both houses for only \$150 in 1883. (1)

Mrs. Poole's interests passed, on her death, to her mother, Hannah Krout and to Adam H. Krout. The 1896 Tax Ledger shows Adam H. Krout with two frame houses on three acres on the west-side of York Road in the village of Maryland Line. (2)

In 1903, the Krout heirs sold two acres to William H. Whetcraft. (3) Whetcraft sold one of the houses in 1910 to Harry Gemmill. He retained the house under discussion in this report, and the 1911 tax ledger showed him with a dwelling worth \$500 and another worth \$100. (4)

The 1918 Tax Ledger shows that Whitcraft's most valuable dwelling house was

Dwelling 22 x 38 2 stories \$627. (5)

In 1918, he also owned a small, one-story dwelling, and one of two stories (\$317) which he had acquired from Daniel Bond in 1913 or so.

This property remained in the Whitcraft family until 1962, when Martha Whitcraft, owner since 1939, conveyed to the present owners. (6) With its three entrances and oddly spaced windows, this house suggests itself as a former tenement or housing for cannery workers.

- NOTES: 1. Judicial Records, WMI 84:169, plat. Also, Baltimore County Deeds, WMI 133:49.
 2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #300-69.
 3. B.C. Deeds, NBM 268:367.
 4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 756.
 5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 834.
 6. B.C. Deeds, WJR 4038:381.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.45**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Beginning on westside of York Road

S73½W	165 feet	N74E	170 feet to westside of York Road
S16E	116 feet	N16W	119½ feet along westside of York Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIESSTATE *NONE*COUNTY *NONE*STATE *NONE*COUNTY *NONE***11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

May 12, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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POOLE-WHITCRAFT HOUSE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM





POOLE-WHITCRAFT HOUSE BA1959
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct. 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (E) and south facades